



The City News

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City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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JANUARY 2009

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

I am on rare getaway right now camping in beautiful Wekiwa Springs State Park (north of Orlando) so I need to be very brief before my family disowns me for working while on a vacation. By the way, if you like to camp, this location is fantastic!

I am glad to report that, despite the fiscal difficulties experienced, our municipality has once again managed to finish the year off in sound financial health. Many thanks to the fine effort of our city staff in making this a reality. As we look forward to 2009, we have already seen a profound difference in the appearance of our city because of the fine efforts expended by our residents in tidying up their properties.

Thank you all for your fine contributions as well as to our code enforcement officer for keeping us in tip top shape.

Seeing that 2008 was not especially kind to us and our economy, we can only be more optimistic that 2009 will provide better opportunities. Therefore, I wish that this New Year welcomes you and your loved ones with good health and good fortune.

Serving Proudly,

Mayor Manny Fernandez

1959—2009

50 YEARS!

We're excited and the plans are being made for the celebration. See inside for information on how you can become more involved in the festivities.

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2009 Directories & Decals Available in Chambers starting January 2nd, 8:30am-4:30pm for a few weeks. They are also available at the Police Department 24/7 during the volunteer weeks and thereafter.



**NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING IS
JANUARY 21st @
7:30 PM**

CITY COUNCIL FILING:

Filing for City Council Groups (2,4) opens at noon on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and closes at noon on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Group 2 is currently held by Manny Fernandez and Group 4 by Michael Dahlgren..

Councilmembers are elected for a two-year term. Qualifications to serve include being at least 21 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of Atlantis. Candidate packets are available from the City Clerk, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, beginning January 27th.

The municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, 240 S. MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415. PHONE NUMBER (561) 656-6200.



KAY LANG NAMED QUEEN OF HEARTS

The 2009 Hab-a-Hearts Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Kay Lang will reign as Queen of Hearts at their 18th Annual Luncheon to be held on Monday, February 9th, at Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach.

Lang, who resides in Atlantis, has been a long time supporter of the PB Hab Center, through the Hab-a-Hearts as well as the Centurions, another auxiliary of the Center. "We are thrilled that Kay has accepted this long-overdue recognition and are thrilled to be able to honor her with this award" said Chair Pat Schweikart, and Co-Chair Linda Reichenstein.

This year's event, "Open Your Heart", will include a silent auction of over 200 items during a complimentary wine reception. Informal modeling by the Shoppes of Plaza del Mar in Manalapan and a live auction by Jim Accursio will be featured during lunch. The auction will include two roundtrip tickets donated by SouthWest Airlines, Brunch for four at Mar-a-Lago, a Chanel purse, as well as a myriad of other items.

Other Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Prudie Anderson, Dee Behnke, Amy Bernard, Donna Brown, Nancy Cashman, Madelyn Christopher, Laura Cianci, Joanne Driscoll, Lin Evans, Judy Farmer, Ann Gowney, Allison Rogers Haft, Beverly Keller, Jenifer Kelley, Helen Logothetis, Jennifer McBride, Beverlee Miller, Craig Mitchell, Ann Oppershauser, Sheila Rinker, Dr. Marianna Toroyan, Marie Tynan, Marianne Vellis, Sue Wagner, Barbara Whitford, Babbette Wolff, and Barbara Wymer.

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center, a United Way Agency, is a private non-profit organization that provides employment, job placement, residential and retirement services for men and women with mental, emotional and physical disabilities. Since opening in 1959, over 8,000 men and women have been employed in this community due to training received in the Work Center program. Each year, more than 700 individuals receive services from the PB Hab Center.

To receive an invitation, purchase a ticket or for more information, please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500, ext. 212 or e-mail rjacobs@pbhab.com.

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

The Council meeting was called to order on December 17, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

There were no new Ordinances or Resolutions. Council wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked all involved with the Holiday Parade and meal. Over 1,000 plates were served. The perfect weather also aided this year's Parade.

Mayor Fernandez met with County Commissioner Shelley Vanna about looking into discretionary funds that former Commissioner Warren Newell had verbally committed to the City to aid the expense of drainage issue. We hope that it can

come to fruition now. The Mayor also thanked the Code Enforcement staff for sprucing up our houses where needed.

By a 5-0 vote, Mr. Doug MacGibbon of the law firm of Vance, Downey and MacGibbon was appointed at the Special Magistrate to hear Code Enforcement issues. He is currently the Magistrate for Ocean Ridge and Jupiter Inlet Colony.

William Mitchell
(Official Minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS by CHIEF ROBERT MANGOLD

2009 Decals: Resident decals are now available at the City Council chambers during regular business hours, and at the police department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The resident decal program is an integral part of our security measures and I encourage all of our citizens to participate.

To ensure that decals are only issued to our residents please provide your vehicle registration. If you do not have the registration in your possession and you are renewing decals for vehicles already in the system be prepared to provide either a drivers license or your water bill with your Atlantis address. You may also be asked to verify certain information regarding the vehicles. We will need the vehicle registration for all new vehicles.

For those residents that prefer not to apply the decals to their vehicles, just place one where it can be reached and show it to the security guard as you are approaching the guardhouse.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
DECEMBER 2008**

Total Enforcement:	158	Total Parking:	1
Citations:	146	Citations:	1
Written Warnings:	12	Written Warning:	0

**CRIME STATISTICS
NOVEMBER, 2008**

<u>Major</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Theft (Grand & Petit)		2

Thank you, Atlantis!

We'd like to acknowledge those residents and business associates who have made contributions to our 50th birthday celebration...either by sponsoring the day's events on April 4, or by placing a congratulatory message in the "Memory Book." We'll keep this list cumulative, so we can see how our contribution list is growing! See page 5-6 to see how you can add your name to this list...Thank you!

Edward and Adele Nabhan
 Manuel Fernandez and Family
 Timothy Danaher and Family
 Timothy Danaher, in memory of Helen Mathewson
 Dan and Marion Holfca
 Colie and Nancy Hogan
 Goldberg Family
 Dr. Clark and Mimi Ford
 David, Logan and Tyler Kintz
 Phyllis and Dan Stedem
 The Erickson Family
 Patricia and Vaughn Prunier, in memory of Fay and Jack Sheils
 Charlane Macon and Susan Macon Seigle, in memory of Glen Macon
 Hal Osborne, in memory of Lois Jean Reid Osborne
 Pat and Ray Matulis
 Katie Vath and Otto Simonis
 Varady Family
 Richard and Joan Brown
 Audrey and Ed Halperin
 Fred Furtado, Cynthia Furtado, Frederick Furtado, David Furtado, Marla Ribeiro
 in memory of Lynne and daughter Virginia Furtado
 Yorktowne Villas Association
 Bill Benton
 Barry Kearns
 Abby Lohman
 Glenn Pierce
 Doug Cameron
 Peter Ellis
 Martin, Patricia, Tracy & Pat Thorne in memory of Roscoe M. Thorne, MD
 Jim and Pat Simon
 Tom, Kellie, Caitlin & Megan Kintz in memory of Dan and Irene Murray
 Thomas (Tom), Kellie, Caitlin and Megan Kintz
 George Twible and Katherine Slama
 Erik and Elsie Kauppinen
 Dave and Kay Cantley
 Phil and Sharon Mebus
 Bill, Sheila, Robert, Liam and Simon Fox
 Donna and Bill Greavette
 Clifford Peter FitzGerald
 Ed and Alyce Carrelli
 A. D. Saba Enterprises
 (Tony, Connie, Anthony, Allison, Sara, Elizabeth, Emily, William, Pam and Dennie)
 Vernon and Roberta Poest
 The Romeo Family (Tony, Marty, Laura and Marianne)
 J. C. and Bobby Dicks
 Driftwood Villas Association
 Otis and Donna Brown
 Atlantis Country Club Women's Golf Association
 Ada Gove, in memory of Bill Gove
 George and Ann Denmark
 Eleanor Martin, in memory of Joseph W. Martin

IT'S 2009 AND ATLANTIS IS TURNING 50!



Time is running out! We're celebrating our big anniversary on April 4, but the deadline for submitting photos, stories and congratulatory ads for our *Memory Book* is Monday, January 26. Many thanks to those who have already sent some "history" in, but we'd like to add even more. You can

Send in photos and stories about Atlantis. You can either e-mail them to us at

Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov, or bring them down to City Hall. Put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos and we'll make sure you get them back.

Put a congratulatory ad in the "Memory Book." See Page 6 for suggested formats and submission form. We invite groups as well as "families" to participate. Are you a member of a golf group? Villa group? Bridge group? Tennis team? Think about a group ad!

In addition to special events on April 4—a parade and marching band, buffet dinner and games for the kids, followed by a fireworks display—we'll have anniversary souvenirs, too! **License plates are available now** (you can purchase one for \$5 when you pick up your 2009 car decal and *City Directory*), and the February issue of *City News* will have information about other souvenirs and how to purchase them.

In order to reserve a place at the buffet dinner on April 4, all residents 2½ years and older must wear a wrist band as an "entry ticket." They are \$5 each. Please complete the form below, and return it with your payment to City Hall. Wrist bands will be available for pick-up in March.
Thank You!



Please reserve my/our place at Atlantis' 50th Anniversary Dinner Party!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Number of tickets @ \$5 each (tickets needed for residents 2 ½ years and older—there is no charge for younger children) _____

You will receive a receipt for your payment



Atlantis, Paradise Found
1959-2009

50th Anniversary Booklet

Choose a size and format (see examples on left) or make up your own message, and return this form with your check (payable to City of Atlantis) to Mo Thornton, 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, FL 33462.

Select a size:

☐ full-page ad (\$100) ☐ 1/2-page ad (\$50)

☐ 1/4-page ad (\$25)

Select a format: _____

Please use this message instead:

How you want your name(s) to be printed? _____

Name and address: _____

Phone number: _____

**The Fernandez Family
Congratulates**

**The City of Atlantis
On 50 Successful
Years**

**Manny, Diana, Nick,
Andre and Danielle
Fernandez**

Format #1

Format #2

**Best Wishes to the
City of Atlantis**

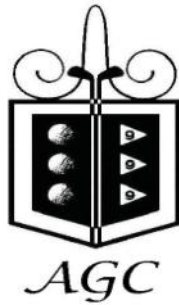
**50 years and going
strong**

**David, Logan and
Tyler Kintz**

Format #3

Format #4

*Vicki and Clayton Routhard
Congratulate the City of
Atlantis on 50 years of
greatness.*



There has never been a better time to join The Private Club in the City of Atlantis. Please contact Teke Carson, our Membership Director, for details on our just announced special promotion that Atlantis Residents can take advantage of.

We offer 27 Holes, Full Practice Facilities, a No Tee Time Policy, a Full Social Calendar with Exceptional Dining.

AGC - It's not just golf, it's a private country club lifestyle!

Teke Carson
Membership Director
966.7602 / atlantisgolf.org

Decals and Directories...and License Plates!

It's that time of year...we'll be distributing auto decals and the new *City Directory* starting on January 2, 2009. But this year's a bit different—we're celebrating our city's 50th Anniversary, and we've purchased commemorative license plates in honor of the occasion! We'll have them available for purchase (\$5) during "decal and directory days," so we can get in the spirit early in the year.

And when you come down to City Hall to pick up your decals and directory, that would be a good time to drop off any photos, stories and congratulatory ads you want included in our 50th anniversary "Memory Book." Thanks!

City directories and 2009 decals for your vehicles will be available at City Hall (In Council Chambers) on January 2, January 5-9, January 12-16 and January 19-23 from 8:30am-4:30pm. Before 8:30am and after 4:30pm they will be available in the Police Department. To obtain a decal, you will need your current registration for each vehicle. Also, please be courteous to the residents who are distributing the directories and decals—they have volunteered their time to help you and make things as easy as possible. After January 23rd, the decals and directories will be available in the Police Department 24/7. Please be patient with the dispatchers, they are doing their best.

HERE'S THE NEWS ON THE 16th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ON WHEELS PARADE

The 15th Annual Holiday on Wheels Parade held on Monday, December 8th, was an overwhelming success. The weather was beautiful and the snow a delight. Approximately 1,000 meals were served and everyone had a wonderful time.

There were a total of 25 official entries and a few joiners for the parade. As usual, the judges had a very difficult time making their decision, but they came up with the following winners:

Most Creative
Lanahan Family

Most Unusual
Jason & Jennifer Kane

Best Use of Lighting
Christine Jankun

Best of Show
Srinath Family

Most Festive (TIE)
Bohling/Romeo & Rizk Family

Honorable Mention
Brannock Family & Feulner Family



The judges were: Robin Ackerman, Paul Markham, Diane Potter, Roger & Claire Rose. We thank them for their time and we know they had a very difficult task choosing winners since there were so many wonderful entries.

We congratulate the winners and we thank all who participated. We appreciate the efforts of the Golf Cart Parade Committee for organizing this event and we thank the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly planning, setting up, tearing down and making this wonderful event come together.

The City thanks Gloriann Lutz along with her helpers Liz Mattson & Rene Smolczynski for their face painting. Once again, it was a big hit with everyone.

A very special thanks to Marie Tynan for organizing the carts and judges for the 16th time!

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors:

Atlantis Country Club
Atlantis Golf Club
Corbett & White
Gehring Insurance
Holyfield & Thomas

Republic Services
Stormwater J Engineering
Waste Management
Whiteside Paving

Ficus Whitefly Update from Mike Dahlgren

I don't really have any new information so I am going to run this article again for those who might have missed it. I plan to give updated information on our website and also other websites you can contact for assistance.

As I look around our beautiful City it is disturbing that so many of our Ficus are beginning to succumb to the Whitefly. The experts are still observing and recommendations are beginning to change.

The first change seems to be that spraying has not been successful. I believe it is because the prime habitat of the insect is on the lower side of the leaf making contact by spraying very difficult. Using systemic sprays is apparently not as effective as soil applying insecticides. This latter method allows greater concentrations of the chemical to enter the plant and achieve longer-term control. Many treatments to date have involved applying a granular insecticide to the soil around the plants. The chemical then enters the roots and moves up through the plant to the leaves. Many applications I have observed have not been very effective. I suspect this is due to not enough water being applied to the soil where the granules were applied to thoroughly "dissolve" the chemical. With two times per week watering, and being extremely dry, it seems results may have been less than expected.

There are not any new options for homeowner applications. I doubt there will be any additional methods approved in time to help. Current recommendations are for the preparation of a slurry to drench the soil with imidacloprid. This is probably best done by a commercial applicator as they have a wider availability of chemicals. If you do decide to attempt this yourself be sure to apply at the labeled rate and use plenty of water for granular materials. Remember not to spray & drench with the same ingredient as resistance will occur.

I am going to attempt to start posting information on the Web Site. I have to work out the details with City Management, but I think this would be the best way to update information as it becomes available. Additionally, I will list some alternatives that might be used should one choose to replace their Ficus.

Lastly a quick reply to those that have questioned the use of Imidacloprid. Yes, it is the chemical that the beekeepers are suspecting is causing "rapid colony collapse". I believe it is safe on Ficus when used as a soil application. Ficus don't have any bee attracting properties so there should be no problem from contaminated nectar and pollen.

Good luck.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

- **As you hold your Homeowner Association meetings, please provide City Hall with a list of the officers. If they are the same as last year, we still need a 2009 list. This information is very important to City Hall and our residents. Thank you for your cooperation.**
- **NEW SPLASH PAD HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 11 AM—4 PM
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 11 AM—5:30 PM**
- **Don't feed the birds or any of the natural wildlife we have.**
- **Observe the left hand turning arrow at Clubhouse Boulevard**

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Mary Federico, 397 French Royale Circle
Kenneth & Alison Grindle, 225 Sudbury Drive
Tina Halonen, 300 JFK Drive, #101
Scott & Chris Vanderwoude, 316 Orange Tree Dr. #D

Deaths:

Robert J. Thompson, 103 Villa Circle

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Of the Atlantis Golf Club meets on the third **Wednesday** of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun.

We review books, have a fruit and danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other and generally add to our enjoyment of Atlantis living. The cost is \$5.

Call Pat at 561-966-7600.

OIL AND/OR ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

3 HOURS—\$20.00 - ADULTS

2 HOURS—\$15.00 - CHILDREN

FABRIC PAINTING CLASS

CHILDREN & ADULTS - 2 HOURS .

CALL: JEWEL LITTENBERG 964-1683

PAINTING CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 1-4 PM— **RESUME JAN. 7th**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN TIBERI 561-547-5123

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

Thursday 5-6PM Ages 5-8

Thursday 6-7PM Age 7 & up

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS CLASS

Basics of tennis with an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of A Lifetime"

WEDNESDAY—7-8 PM

TENNIS ADULT INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED ROUND ROBIN & CLINIC

Extensive Exercise with some advanced drills

THURSDAYS 7-9 PM

Private Lessons Available On Request

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ALL ARE WELCOME**

January 9, 30, Feb. 20, March 20 & April 17

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SIMMA SULZER AT 561-968-7399 OR

DR. BENNETT MILLER 561-968-2675.

**CHESS CLUB AND HOMEWORK HELP
SCHEDULE AS NEEDED.**

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

JEWELRY CLASSES

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS — 6-8 PM

(except in Feb 2009, 2nd & 4th Tuesday)

CALL MARIE CLAUDE 561-736-5609 or

561-271-8967 EMAIL: CLVERT@AOL.COM

Look for information on a Basketball League later in the school year. If interested call Sherwin Anderson at 561-588-4557 or email him at: mr10s@bellsouth.net

Chinese New Year Casino Night

at

Atlantis Country Club

Saturday, January 24, 2009

The Fun begins at 6 p.m.



(Seating limited
to the first 100 guests)



Chinese-theme Buffet Dinner & Dessert

Cash Bar

1,000 in Fun Chips

To sign up, call Kelly
(561) 965-7700, ext. 19

**Blackjack,
Roulette
& Craps!**

**Texas
Holdem!**

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561-965-1744

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(by Sandy Thompson 313-1060)

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) 911

Police and Fire (Non Emergency)	561-965-1700
J F K Medical Center	561-965-7300
Atlantis City Hall	561-965-1744
Building Department	561-965-1796
Police (Administration)	561-965-1711
Utilities Department	561-965-1744
Garbage Collection	561-965-2627
Atlantis Country Club	561-965-7700
Atlantis Golf Club	561-966-7600
Atlantis Realty	561-965-7900

GARBAGE INFORMATION

BACKDOOR PICKUP

MONDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

THURSDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

CURBSIDE PICKUP

MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS

Please place all material for collection by 7:00 am on the day of service.

Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. *Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after Noon for Monday pickup.

Please use your underground containers. Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware or by calling Jim Schumacher at 718-5888 for liners or other repairs. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall.

Landscape debris generated by a paid landscape maintenance company must be removed on the day of generation by the maintenance company. (City of Atlantis Code of Ordinance 8.3-9)

Questions? Call City Hall at 965-1744.